



# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GENERAL CONFERENCE

September 11 - 15, 2000

St. Louis, Missouri

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# Discovery 2000 Today!

## Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Extends Warm Welcome to St. Louis

M O N D A Y

### CULTURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

**8:00 a.m.** Opening Plenary  
Conference Keynote Address by  
NPS Director Robert Stanton

**9:05 a.m.** Break

**9:30 a.m.** Cultural Resource Plenary  
Keynote Address by Dr. John Hope  
Franklin

**10:30 a.m.** Cultural Resource Sessions

**12 Noon** Lunch

**1:30 p.m.** Cultural Resource Sessions

**3:00 p.m.** Break

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**6:00 p.m.** Expo 2000 Trade Show

### IMPORTANT UPDATES

**C-07 - Investing in Wisdom**  
now meets in Jefferson D.

**C-18 - Sprawl and Local Conservation**  
now meets in Field.

**C-13 - Small Parks with Big Ideas**  
now meets in Missouri.

**C-19 - Sprawl and Local Conservation**  
now meets in Field.

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome on behalf of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site to all participants in *Discovery 2000*. It is fitting that this conference takes place in St. Louis as we plunge into a new century and millenium, for St. Louis has traditionally been a crossroads of cultures, associated with foresight and daring.

From the time of the ancient mound builders of Cahokia to the age of fur traders, covered wagon pioneers, railroads and air travel, the St. Louis area has benefited from its

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location at the confluence of the continent's two mightiest rivers—the Mississippi and Missouri. The visionary French founders of St. Louis anticipated the eventual growth of their little trading post, which blossomed into a great city.

The daring explorers exemplified by Lewis and Clark, Zebulon Pike, Stephen Long and John C. Fremont began their trips into the unknown from St. Louis. In fact, the Bicentennial year of 2004 is quickly approaching, marking two centuries since St. Louis was transferred from France to the United States in the Louisiana Purchase, and Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out for the Pacific Ocean.

During the 200 years since 1804, the city became a center of manufacturing and invention, exporting its ideas and products



*Bob Barbee discusses the humidity with Ralph Tingey at the Sunday Arch Reception.*

to the world, while simultaneously drawing immigrants from hundreds of foreign lands as settlers.

Like the men and women of early St. Louis, we meet in a familiar setting, poised to advance toward the unexplored territory of the future. And like these men and women, we will make decisions and participate in discussions that will affect the future of our nation's cultural and natural resources and their management.

For these reasons there is no place in the United States more fitting than St. Louis to hold a conference with the excitement and national importance of *Discovery 2000*. We certainly hope you will enjoy your time in St. Louis and take advantage of the many cultural and recreational opportunities the area offers. We think you will agree that our city is steeped in imagination and innovation, with a past strongly linked to the unlimited possibilities of the future.

—Gary W. Easton, Superintendent  
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial  
and Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

F A Q S



If you're not signed up for the evening at Laclede's Landing Street Fair on Wednesday, you can still attend. You'll be paying cash, while those who pre-registered will be using "Laclede Dollars." The stores and restaurants in the riverfront district are open to the public on Wednesday, but the NPS will make up the majority of revelers.



If you need to leave a message for someone at the conference, there is a Message Board in the main hallway between the Illinois Room and the conference registration tables.

## Discovery 2000 Conference Registration Runs Smoothly Keeping Participants Cool



Kings Mountain Superintendent Erin Broadbent arrives with a smile.

## Stanton Expects Inspiration, Invigoration

This morning we are at banks of the Mississippi River in the shadow of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial which recognizes, in part, the challenges and opportunities seen at the dawn of the nineteenth century as our nation expanded to the West.

Here at the dawn of the twenty-first century, the nation and the National Park Service face challenges—and opportunities—never imagined by our founders. In addition to the spectacular scenery and outstanding natural and cultural resources entrusted to our care, the Service is now responsible for urban recreation areas, free-flowing rivers, long-distance trails, historic sites, and partnerships with other nations, agencies, tribes, states, and the private sector.

This symbolic year is perfect for a long look ahead. Over the next week, we will devote ourselves to preparing for a new century of challenge and change. Through the many events and programs in *Discovery 2000*, we will pursue three goals:

- To develop a vision of the National Park Service's twenty-first century role in the life of the nation;
- To inspire and invigorate the Service, its partners, and the public about this vision; and

- To develop new leadership to meet the challenges of the future.

To realize these goals within the context of Service's mandate to preserve certain precious areas unimpaired forever for use and enjoyment, *Discovery 2000* will explore four Conference Tracks in depth:

- Cultural Resource Stewardship
- Natural Resource Stewardship
- Education
- Leadership

The National Park Service's responsibilities place it amidst the active, dynamic, productive and evolving life of the United States and the world. These responsibilities will surely be put to the test during the twenty-first century. Our hosts in St. Louis and the conference organizers have developed a full week of activities to stimulate your thoughts, to stretch your ideas, and to imagine solutions critical to our success in this changing world. Please join me in thanking our hosts and organizers for making this event possible.

Finally, I urge you to fully immerse yourself in the discussions this week, not just to participate here but to carry back to your home parks and offices the vision and vigor which will result.

—Robert Stanton

## SPECIAL GUEST



**Darlene Wahl, park ranger at San Juan Island National Historical Park, and Fayette, her special *Discovery 2000* Conference escort, explore the Regal Riverfront Hotel. Darlene said Fayette is enjoying the conference and glad to be off the airplane!**

## Keynote Speaker Dr. John Hope Franklin Launches Cultural Resource Track

*Discovery 2000's* opening plenary session this morning features Dr. John Hope Franklin, the chairman of the National Park System Advisory Board and chairman of the advisory board of *One America: The President's Initiative on Race*. Franklin has been a major force as a historian since the 1947 publication of his landmark book, *From Slavery to Freedom, A History of African-Americans* (in its seventh edition).



Dr. John Hope Franklin

"If there's an indication that this conference has something to say that's important, it's that a speaker the caliber of John Hope Franklin has agreed to be the keynote speaker for the cultural resources track," said Gary Candelaria, cochair of the *Discovery 2000* Team.

"When I went on the Internet, there were literally thousands and thousands of hits on his name in news articles, books, and the roles that he's played in the world of history," he said.

Franklin is the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History and was Professor of Legal History at Duke University Law School. He is a graduate of Fisk University and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in

history from Harvard University. Widely known for his literature in history, Franklin has produced numerous works such as: *The Emancipation Proclamation*, *The Free Negro in North Carolina*, and *The Militant South*.

Professor Franklin has served on many national commissions and delegations including the National Council on the Humanities, the President's Advisory Commissions on Public Diplomacy as well as Ambassadorial appointments. In 1995 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

## • T O U R T I M E •

Eight spouse/companion tours are offered as part of *Discovery 2000*. The destinations include local historic homes; Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, a World Heritage Site in Illinois that features the remains of a civilization that occupied the area from 700 to 1500 AD; Forest Park, the third largest city park in the country and the site of the 1904 World's Fair; and the Missouri Botanical Garden, the oldest botanical garden in the world.

Information on the tours and tickets may be obtained from Destination St. Louis, which operates a desk adjacent to the conference registration table at the Regal Riverfront Hotel. Space-available tickets



Ginny Woods looks forward to an interesting tour schedule—and a few days away from the kids!

may be sold on-site at an additional \$2 charge. Tours will depart from the 4th Street side of the Regal Hotel Lobby.

F A Q S

The Regal Riverfront elevators won't break any land speed records. Advice from the *Discovery 2000* Team is to start early for your sessions to assure that you're in place when they begin.



If you're following the conference action via the Web, find it at [www.nps.gov/discovery2000](http://www.nps.gov/discovery2000).



Do you have an item for this newsletter—an evening gathering of a region's superintendents, or a suggestion for coverage? Use the Communication Team's suggestion box in the Shaw Room, which is serving as the Conference Media Center.



There's no official swapping! This refers to the breakout sessions—the *Discovery 2000* Team requests that everyone attend the session they signed up for. Late registrants can attend those sessions that are not already filled. A list of open sessions is available at the on-site registration table.



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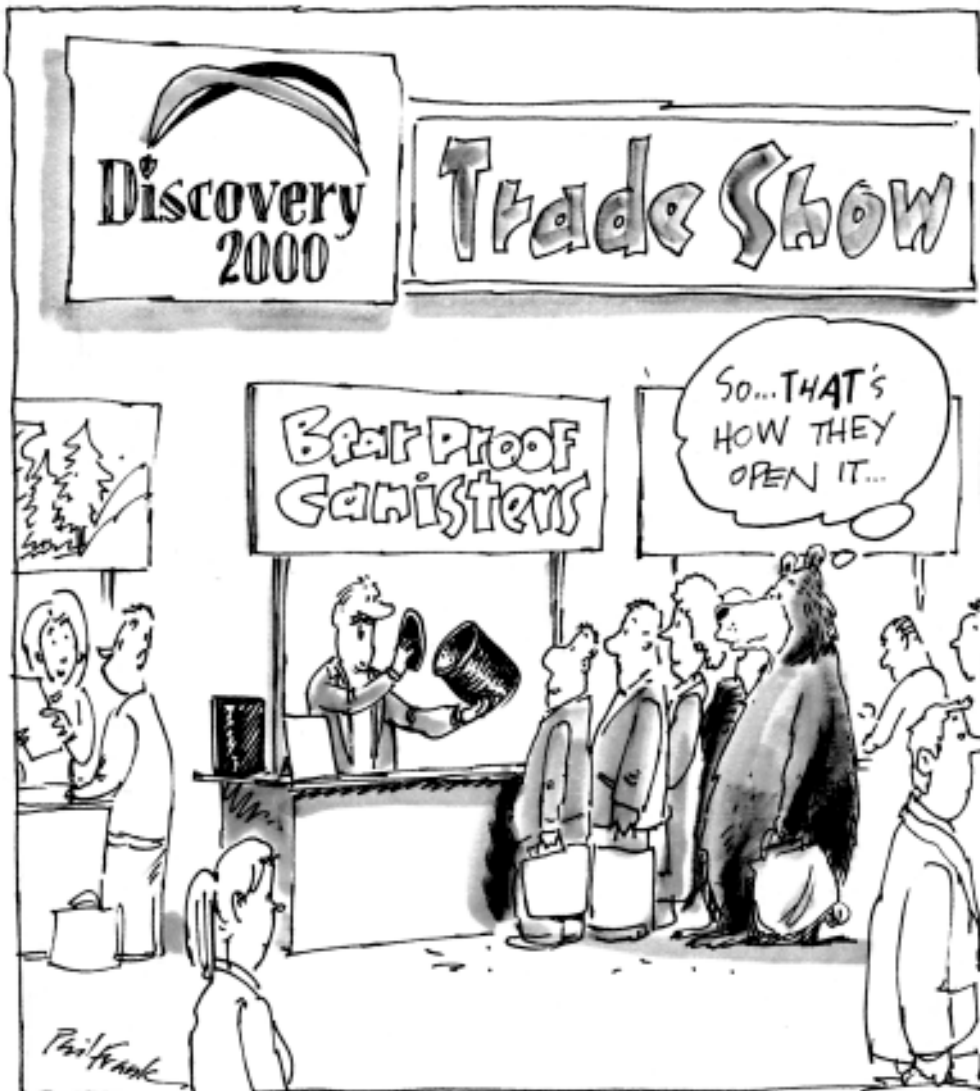
The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

## Nationally Recognized Cartoonist Phil Frank Contributes Original Work to Discovery 2000

Award-winning San Francisco Chronicle cartoonist Phil Frank continues his long association with the National Park Service by bringing his firsthand perspectives from work with the NPS and California State Parks to the pages of *Discovery 2000 Today!* Author of guides to Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks as well

as Muir Woods National Monument, Frank is particularly renown for his captivating bear characters. Frank's original artwork from this daily newsletter will be for sale beginning Wednesday, September 13. See the National Park Foundation exhibit at *Expo 2000* for more information.

• Q U I T E F R A N K L Y •



## MONDAY'S WEATHER

September 11, 2000



Mostly cloudy skies with temperatures reaching a high of 88 degrees.

Expect continued humidity with a low of 73 degrees.

## TUESDAY'S WEATHER

September 12, 2000



Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 80 degrees. Tuesday's low will reach 57 degrees.

## WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER

September 13, 2000



Partly cloudy with a high of 79 degrees. Low temperatures will reach 61 degrees.